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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER SHA01 P-360 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2003/039803 | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/562099 |
| INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 December 2003 | | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 3 July 2003 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION BUMPER SYSTEM INCORPORATING THERMOFORMED ENERGY ABSORBER | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Darin Evans, Melvin Guiles | | |

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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| 20. Other items or information: Authorization to Charge Deposit Account Return Postcard | | | | | |
| The following fees have been submitted | | | | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY | |
| 21. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... \$300 | | | | \$ | 300.00 |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) | | | | \$ | 200.00 |
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| International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB..... \$400 | | | | | |
| All other situations..... \$500 | | | | | |
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| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | \$ | |
| Total claims | 34 - 20 = | 14 | x \$ 50 | \$ | 700.00 |
| Independent claims | 5 - 3 = | 2 | x \$200 | \$ | 400.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | + \$360 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | | 0.00 |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$ | 1700.00 |
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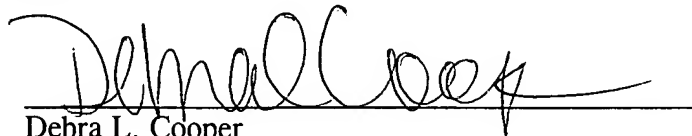
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I hereby certify that the attached Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office concerning a Submission under 35 USC 371 (in duplicate); Authorization to Charge Deposit Account (in duplicate); PCT Patent Application WO 2005/012043, filed December 15, 2003 including 15 sheets of drawings; unsigned Declaration (2 pages); Information Disclosure Statement and PTO /SB/08a Forms; Return Addressed Postcard; and check in the amount of \$1700 (Filing Fee) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, Label No. EV634230931US, addressed to:

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